DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does the House accept the principle of the Bill ?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know how many meetings will be held by the Village Panchayat during the three months ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : There may be a large number of meetings.

The motion was carried and the principle of the Bill was accepted by the House.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Bill has to be taken into consideration. I do not propose to refer it to a Select Committee. It will come up in due course.

THE TRAVANCORE MECHANICAL LIGHTERS BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, I rise to introduce a Bill to provide for the imposition and collection of an excise duty on Mechanical Lighters. It has been published in the Gazette and I beg to move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, this Bill is, perhaps, to some extent a formal Bill. The House is well aware that an excise duty has been imposed upon matches manufactured in the country. If a corresponding duty is not imposed upon lighters such lighters may be manufactured on a large scale and the duty expected to be collected on the matches will be lost. It is therefore thought proper to impose such a duty on the lighters.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Is any special provision made for travellers using lighters for their personal use ?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : No special provision is made. I propose to move it to a Committee so that it may be examined more carefully.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : My question is whether the Law Member does not think that it is a serious omission ? Under Section 13 those who carry lighters are liable to punishment. Under Sections 11, 12 and 13 "whoever evades, or attempts to evade, the payment of any duty payable by him under this Regulation or fails to supply any information which is required under this Regulation or the rules to supply....." That is a penal clause. So I would request the Law Member to see that a provision is made in favour of those who want to use them.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Yes, that may be considered.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : The question before the House is that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

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The motion was put to vote and carried and the principle of the Bill was accepted by the House.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members:—

1 Mr. T. K. Velu Pillai
2 ,, P. Chidambaram Pillai
3 ,, K. C. Karunakaran
4 ,, M. Mahomed Haneef
5 ,, E. K. Kunjuraman
6 ,, A. Easvara Pillai (*Kalkulam II*)
7 ,, A. Easvara Pillai (*Kottarakara*)
8 ,, S. Nilakanta Pillai
9 ,, V. T. Chacko
10 ,, T. T. Kesavan Sastri and
11 ,, Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon

to report within four months.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): I second it.

The motion was declared carried.

THE TRAVANCORE MEDICAL REGISTRATION BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to introduce a Bill for the registration of medical practitioners and for the prevention of the pracitce of the allopathic system of medicine and surgery by persons other than registered practitioners. The Bill has been published in the Gazette with a statement of objects and reasons. I move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*): I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, representations have been made to Government on various occasions and by various bodies that some legal provisions should be made for distinguishing persons who are really qualified to practise the allopathic system of medicine and surgery from those who are mere quacks, who, though they may profess to be qualified in allopathic system of medicine, are not really so.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Were there not representations that people who are professing in other system of medicine should also not be allowed to practise?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): There may be .. ..

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is now too early to ask that question?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): The Law Member has, however, understood me.

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